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**SOUTHEAST ASIA  
ACTIVITY REPORT**

**SELECTED TRANSPORTATION  
AND INFILTRATION  
COMPENDIUM  
ROAD STATUS  
LAOS PANHANDLE**

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## PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in southeast Asia as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. Those lines of communication and associated facilities which support communist insurgency in Laos and South Vietnam are emphasized.

Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC unless otherwise indicated.

Missions, mission dates, frames, and NPIC cable and briefing board references are listed after each item, as appropriate.

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Road Status, Laos Panhandle

Road repairs and reconstruction are rapidly approaching completion on the communist road network in the Laos Panhandle. Since Summary 64 (intelligence through [REDACTED] -- which confirmed road usage south to Sepone -- another 310 nautical miles of road show evidence of light traffic. Using photography from [REDACTED] road usage is now confirmed south to Ban Bac and north from Route 110 to 15-25N 107-00E along Route 96. The entire length of 110 shows evidence of usage and the route is being extended into Cambodia in the tri-border area.

The following developments, presented generally in north to south order and depicted on the accompanying map, were observed during the reporting period of [REDACTED]

NORTHERN PANHANDLE

Route 23 (Figures 1 and 3) is sustaining light usage south to at least 17-15N 105-30E (UTM [REDACTED]). A wooden bridge has been constructed over the Se Bang Fai (river) near Ban Pak Phanang at 17-24N 105-45E [REDACTED]. An additional segment of Route 23 is open between the limit of photographic coverage at 17-10N 105-35E [REDACTED] and 17-06N 105-41E [REDACTED].

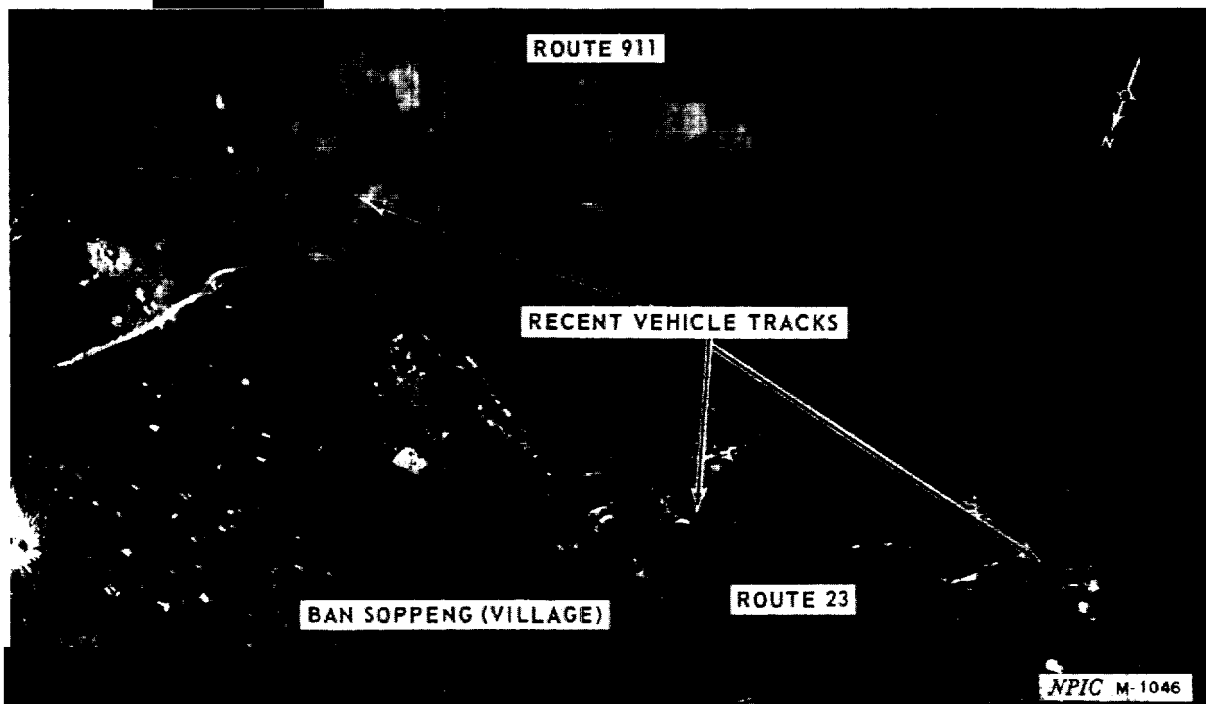


FIGURE 1. ROADS IN USE, ROUTE 23 911 JUNCTION, LAOS

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NORTH VIETNAM

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(FIG. 3)

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(FIG. 12)

(FIG. 11)

(FIG. 9)

(FIG. 10)

STATUS OF COMMUNIST ROAD NETWORK  
IN THE LAOS PANHANDLE

(PHOTOGRAPHY FROM [REDACTED])

- ROAD, CONFIRMED USE
- ROAD, CONFIRMED DISUSE
- - - CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION
- - - PHOTO COVERAGE NOT AVAILABLE
- SINCE [REDACTED]

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Route 911 is open in its entirety. Reactivated truck parks are located at 17-19N 105-43E [REDACTED] (Figure 2). An unnumbered road connecting Routes 911 and 23 at 17-18N 105-43E [REDACTED] and 17-19N 105-40E [REDACTED] has been reactivated from its junction with Route 911 for approximately 0.5 nm west (Figure 2).

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Route 912 is in use over its entire length.

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Route 91 is in use between Routes 9 and 239. On [REDACTED] Route 239 showed evidence of recent vehicle tracks within the limit of photographic coverage from approximately 16-52N 105-55E [REDACTED] to 16-53N 105-57E [REDACTED] and south from Route 911 to 16-54N 105-57E [REDACTED]

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Recent vehicle tracks indicate light use of Route 9 east of Route 91 from the limit of photographic coverage at 16-41N 106-11E [REDACTED] to 16-38N 106-25E [REDACTED], north of Ban Dong. From this point vehicle tracks continue north on Route 92 extending to 16-40N 106-26E [REDACTED] where the road deteriorates to a trail. A ferry cable is observed across the Se Bang Hiang (river) at 16-41N 106-13E [REDACTED] (Figure 4).

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Route 914 is open in its entirety. A serviceable ferry crossing over the Se Bang Hiang is located at 16-38N 106-12E [REDACTED] (Figure 5). A Route 914 by-pass in the vicinity of 16-37N 106-13E appears active.

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Route 92 (Figure 6) is in use from the limit of cloud-free photography near the Route 914 junction at 16-22N 106-32E [REDACTED] to 15-50N 106-46E [REDACTED] near Ban Bac.

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The northern and southern ends of Route 924, including the chokepoint at 15-50N 106-45E [REDACTED] (Figure 8), are in use. No photography of the middle segment is available.

A short connecting road is under construction west of Ban Bac between Routes 92 and 924 on the north side of the Se Kong (river) (Figure 7). Early-to-middle stage construction extends from Route 92 at 15-50N 106-42E [REDACTED] west to [REDACTED] approximately 0.3 nm east of Route 924.

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Route 165 evidences light vehicular usage from its junction with Route 96 east to the limit of photographic coverage at 15-23N 107-14E [REDACTED] (Figure 9). No recent photography of the construction east of Dak Ray is available.

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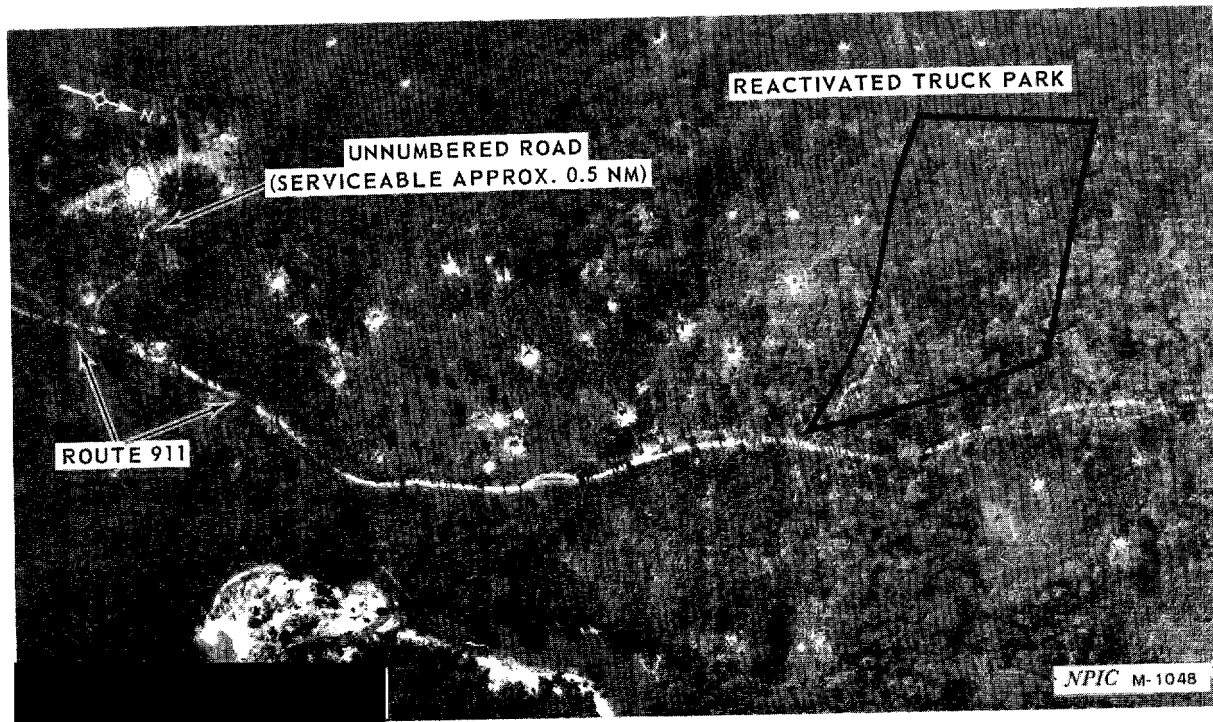


FIGURE 2. ROUTE 911 IN USE, LAOS

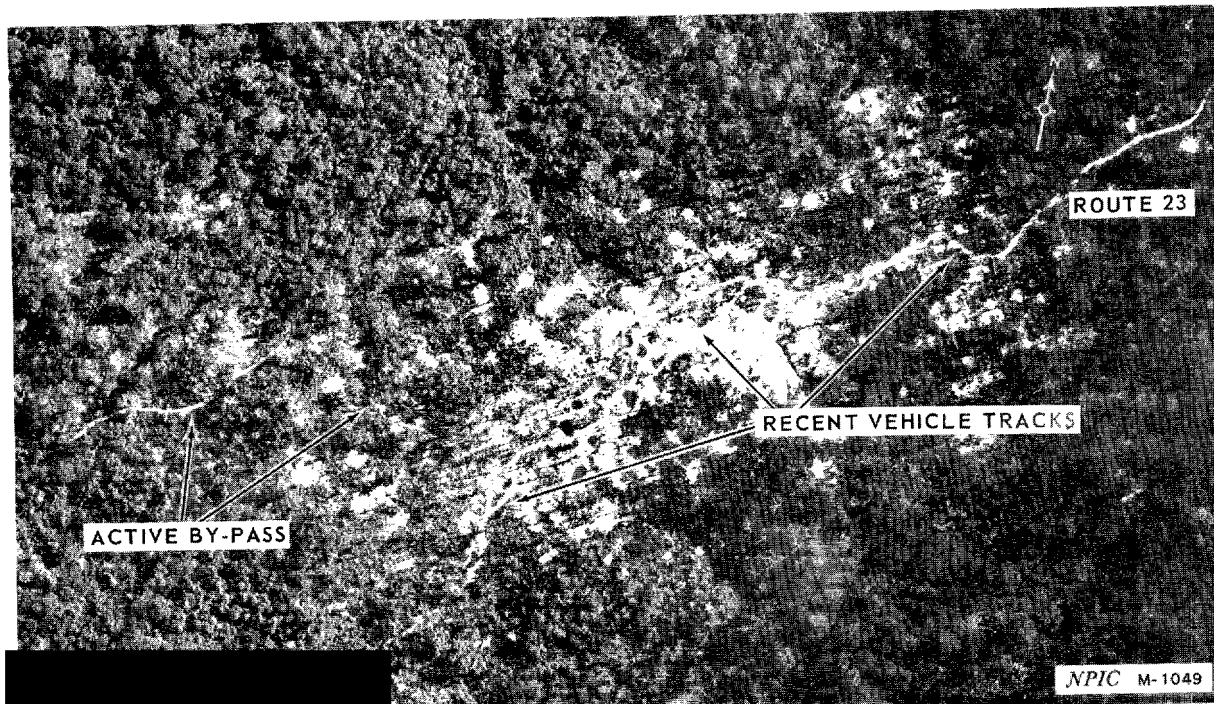


FIGURE 3. ROUTE 23 IN USE, LAOS

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Route 96 (Figure 10) also evidences light vehicular use from the limit of photographic coverage at 15-23N 107-01E [REDACTED], north of Chavane, to its junction with Route 110 (Figure 11). An active ford crosses the Dak Xou (river) at 14-44N 107-16E [REDACTED].

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A new road is under construction east of Attoupeu, between Routes 96 and 110 (Summary 65, Item 3).

Route 110 evidences light usage from the Laos/Cambodia border to its junction with Route 96 (Figures 11 and 12). Two new serviceable by-pass roads have been constructed and several existing by-pass roads have been reactivated. One by-pass extends east from 14-36N 106-38E [REDACTED] and rejoins the main road at 14-37N 106-39E [REDACTED]. The second extends south from 14-42N 107-07E [REDACTED] and rejoins the main road at [REDACTED]. The following previously existing by-passes are reactivated: from 14-38N 106-41E [REDACTED] to 14-40N 106-44E [REDACTED], from 14-40N 106-45E [REDACTED] to 14-39N 106-47E [REDACTED], and from 14-38N 106-42E [REDACTED] to 14-38N 106-42E [REDACTED]. Cambodia Route 97 is in use from the Laos/Cambodia border to 14-35N 106-31E [REDACTED], on the south bank of the Tonle Kong (river).

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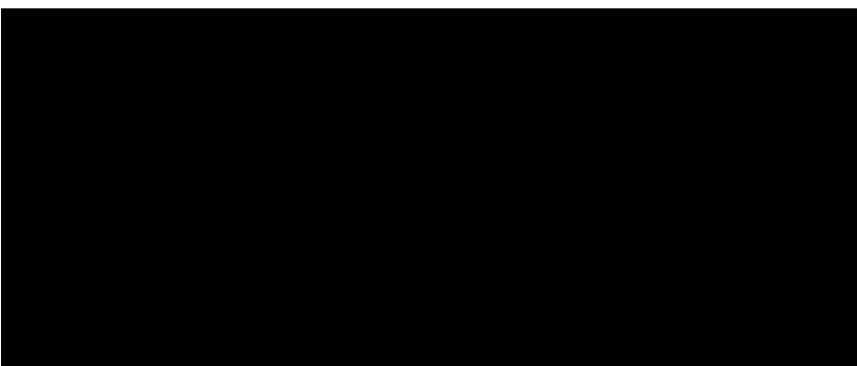
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Traffic from Route 110 continues toward the Tri-border area on Route 96/110 to 14-42N 107-18E, then east again on Route 110. Route 110 has been extended from 14-39N 107-27E [REDACTED], in Laos, to 14-37N 107-31E [REDACTED], in Cambodia. The road then divides and vehicle tracks extend to 14-36N 107-31E [REDACTED] and 14-38N 107-32E [REDACTED]. Additional clearing operations on each of these segments are observed for several hundred yards.

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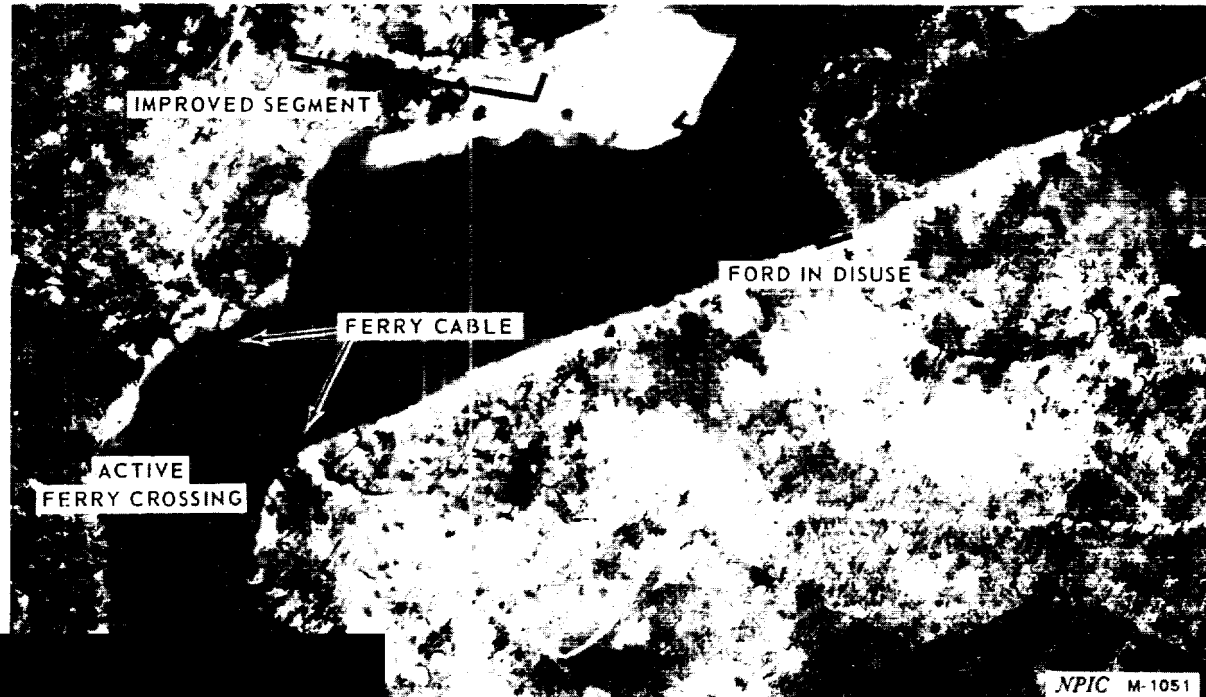


FIGURE 4. ROUTE 9 BY-PASS IN USE, SEPONE, LAOS

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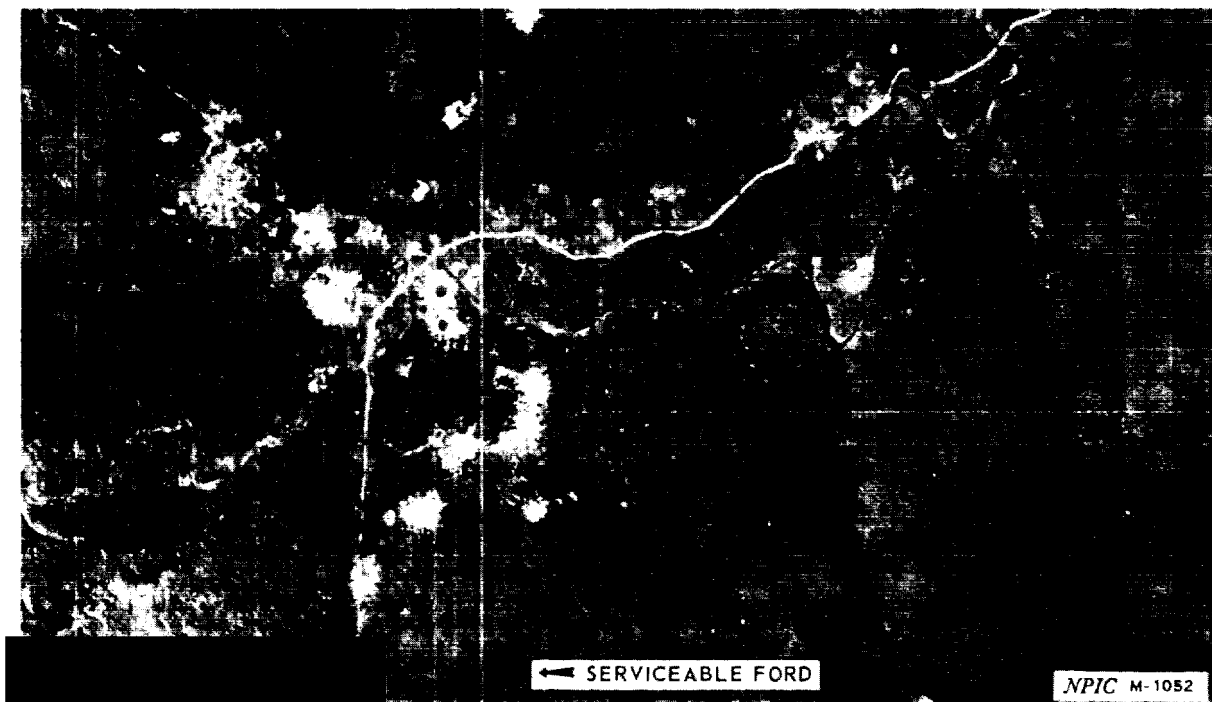
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FIGURE 5. ACTIVE FERRY CROSSING, SE BANG HIANG RIVER, ROUTE 914, LAOS



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FIGURE 6. ROUTE 92 IN USE, LAOS

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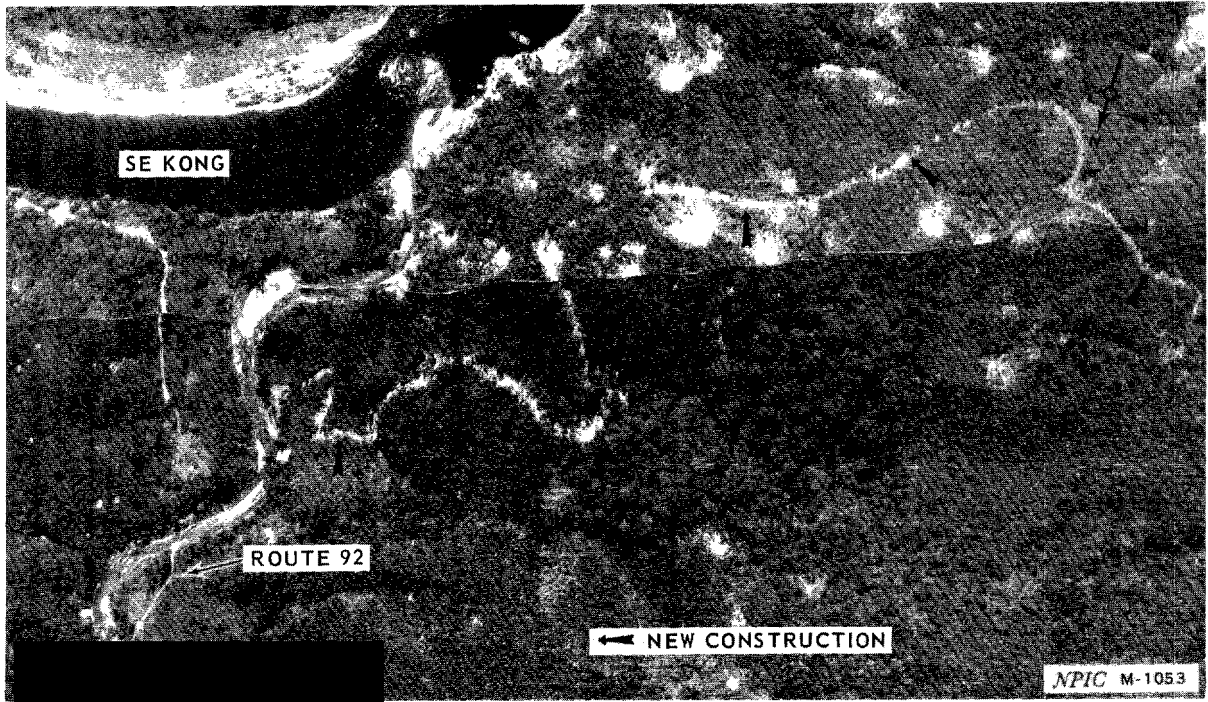


FIGURE 7. ROAD CONSTRUCTION, BAN BAC, LAOS

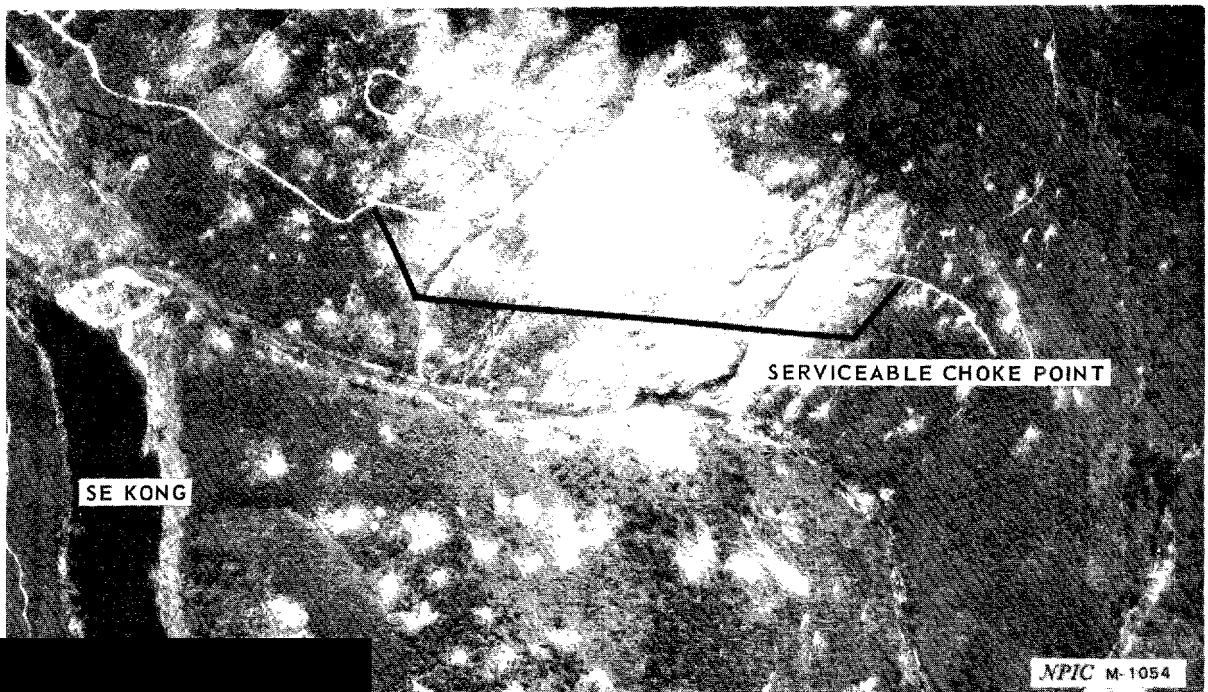
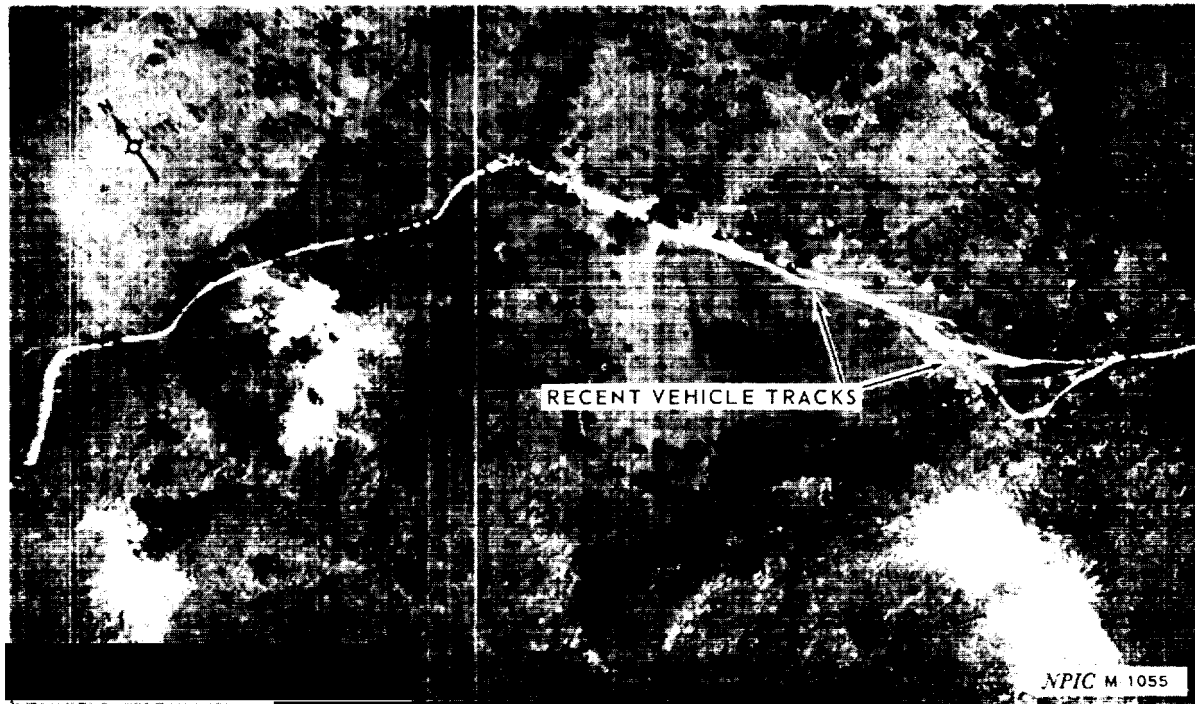
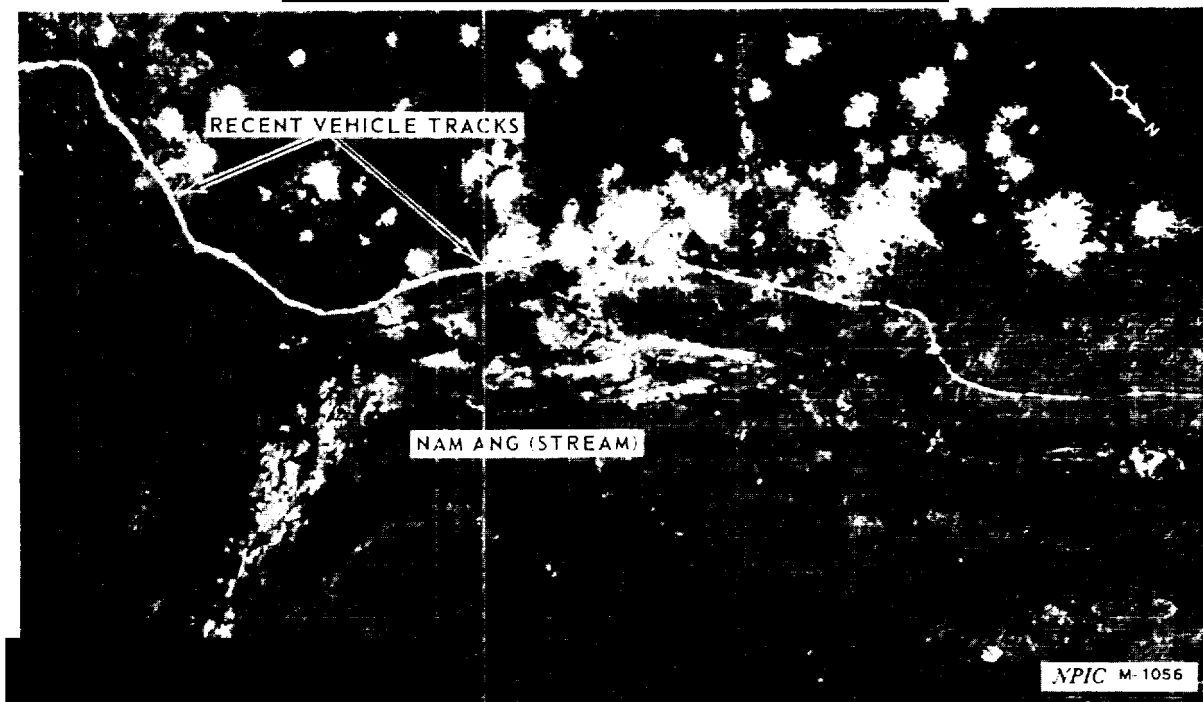


FIGURE 8. ROUTE 924, BAN BAC AREA, LAOS

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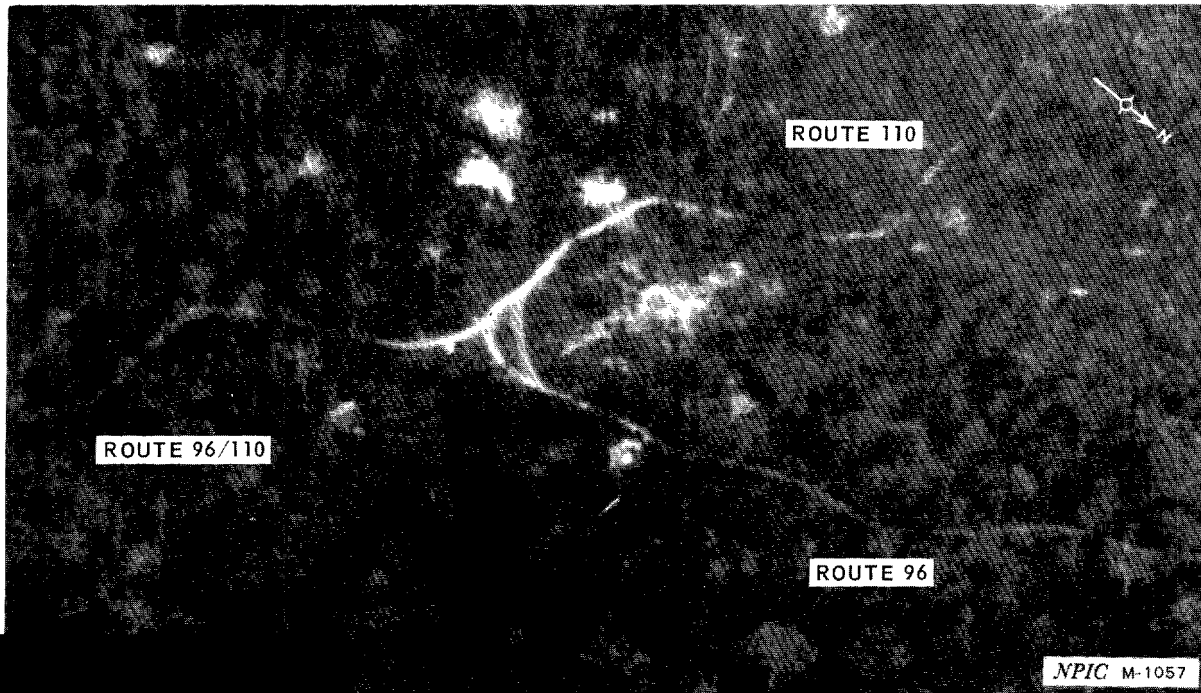


FIGURE 11. ROADS IN USE, JUNCTION OF ROUTES 96, 110, AND 96/110, LAOS

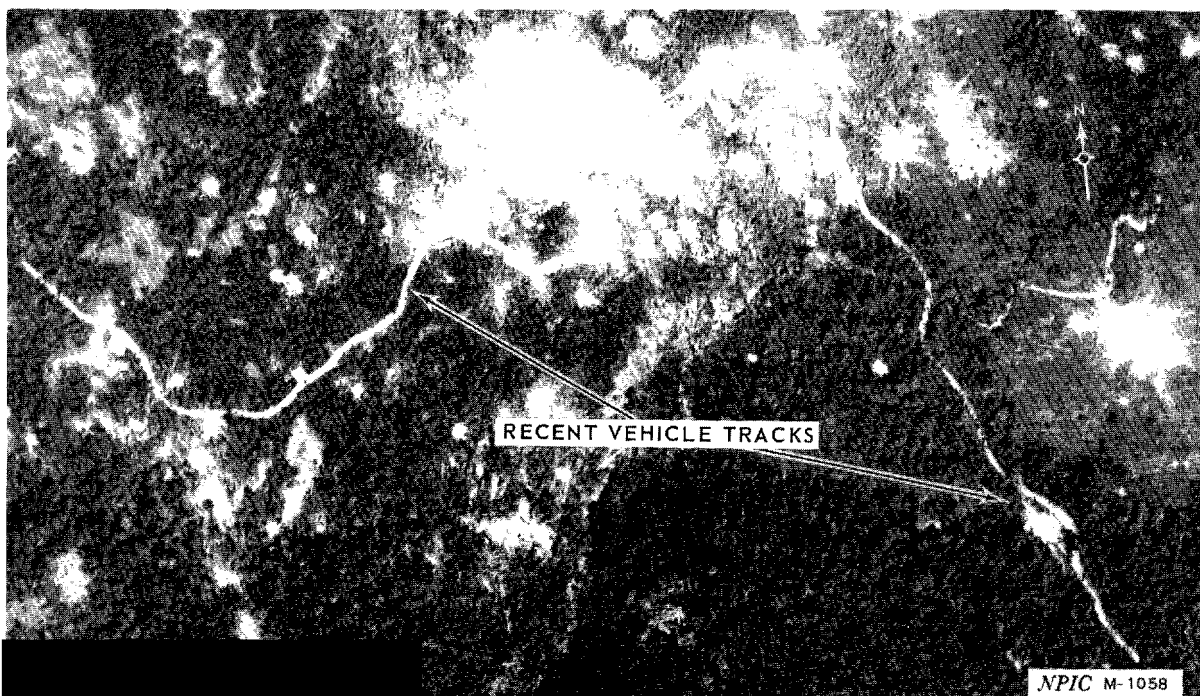


FIGURE 12. ROUTE 110 IN USE, LAOS

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